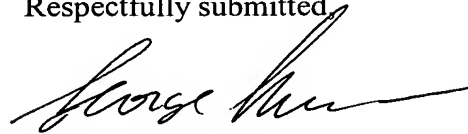


REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification is amended to include all applicable U.S. Government contract numbers. No new matter is added. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-23 are earnestly solicited.

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